

FOI 23/888

Dear

Thank you for your FOI request dated 17th November 2023.

Under FOI, I request the following information from your records.

How many yellow card reports are made annually regarding Myalgia, the number one side effect of statins?

We can confirm that the MHRA does hold the requested information and it can be accessed using the link below:

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyellowcard.mhra.gov.uk%2Fidaps&data=05%7C01%7CMHRACustomerServices%40mhra.gov.uk%7Cd1ba3167d61c4a102aa408dbe9f1a6fe%7Ce527ea5c62584cd2a27f8bd237ec4c26%7C0%7C0%7C638360996315075616%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mqeQUqCnP9CKjfs1Ix%2BZ5nG3URart6uWDQTbYiod6TE%3D&reserved=0>

For suspected side effects being reported for medicines, the MHRA publishes this information in the form of interactive Drug Analysis Profiles (iDAPs). Each iDAP contains a complete listing of all suspected adverse reactions that have been reported to the MHRA via the Yellow Card scheme. This includes all reports received from healthcare professionals, members of the public, and pharmaceutical companies. It is important to note that reported adverse reactions have not been proven to be related to the drug, and should not be interpreted as a list of known side effects. Medicines are listed alphabetically by the name of the active ingredient.

I hope the information provided is helpful, but if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of this response; and can be addressed to this email address.

Kind regards,

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